



## MassDEP

Drinking Water Program

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### Drinking Water Program Updates

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## Happy Holidays

This week's program director email has these topics of interest:

1. Federal Action Plan to Reduce Childhood Lead Exposure Released on December 19, 2018
2. Get Ready for the Next EPA Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment—Lead Service Line Inventories
3. MassDEP's Response to Petition for Rulemaking to Establish a Treatment Technique Drinking Water Standard for PFAS

## Federal Action Plan to Reduce Childhood Lead Exposure Released on December 19, 2018

The Federal Action Plan to Reduce Childhood Lead Exposures and Associated Health Impacts (Action Plan) is a blueprint for reducing lead exposure and associated harms through collaboration among federal agencies and with a range of stakeholders, including states, tribes and local communities, along with businesses, property owners and parents. The Action Plan is intended to help federal agencies work strategically and collaboratively to reduce exposure to lead with the aim of ultimately improving children's health. The Action Plan is the product of the President's Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children and has the following four goals:

- Goal 1: Reduce children's exposure to lead sources

- Goal 2: Identify lead-exposed children and improve their health outcomes
- Goal 3: Communicate more effectively with stakeholders
- Goal 4: Support and conduct critical research to inform efforts to reduce lead exposures and related health risks.

For a copy of the Action Plan see [https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-12/documents/fedactionplan\\_lead\\_final.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-12/documents/fedactionplan_lead_final.pdf). For more information on the Action Plan see <https://www.epa.gov/lead/federal-action-plan-reduce-childhood-lead-exposure>.

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## Get Ready for the Next EPA Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment—Lead Service Line Inventories

Every four years, EPA works with states and community water systems to estimate the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) eligible needs of systems by state. The assessment of need is for 20 years from the time of the survey. The assessment results in a report to Congress and is the basis for allotting DWSRF grant monies to states. For more on EPA Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment see <https://www.epa.gov/drinkingwatersrf>.

The next Infrastructure Drinking Water Needs Survey will include replacement costs for all lead service lines, both on the public and private sides. It will be important for Massachusetts systems to provide the most accurate estimate of lead service line replacement costs within the state. We encourage you to identify your LSLs and if you have not done so, complete the LSL survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FMGFBJ2>. You may also respond to the survey by downloading a copy from <https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/08/xi/lcrsurv.pdf>, completing the form and emailing the completed form to [program.director-dwp@mass.gov](mailto:program.director-dwp@mass.gov), Subject line: “LCR.”

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## Petition for Rulemaking to Establish a Treatment Technique Drinking Water Standard for PFAS

On October 25, 2018, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 4, the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) and the Toxics Action Center (TAC) submitted to MassDEP, a “Petition for Rulemaking to Establish a Treatment Technique Drinking Water Standard for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances.” To address this petition, MassDEP intends to act in accordance with the relevant provisions of 310 CMR 2.00 et seq. These provisions require MassDEP to hold a meeting to consider the petition, and after the meeting to notify the petitioners of the Department’s actions. The meeting will be held at MassDEP’s Boston Office at One Winter Street, Boston, MA 02108, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. The meeting will also be available via live-streaming at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCswijd->

[Vuwa0jMR4EroSm8w/live](https://www.vuwa0jMR4EroSm8w/live). For more information on the petition, and the meeting, see <https://goo.gl/oJZbiJ>.

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## Training Calendar

When you need training please look at the training calendar located at:

[mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/drinking/drinking-water-training-class-schedules.html](https://mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/drinking/drinking-water-training-class-schedules.html) for upcoming trainings.

If you need a refresher on recently given trainings, you can review several training videos located at:

[youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJn2AKOcYr7lutGJB-UfDKtQPF\\_o\\_249m](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJn2AKOcYr7lutGJB-UfDKtQPF_o_249m)

Or click here:  YouTube

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MassDEP is sending this important drinking water information to all PWS responsible persons who are listed on the state database. If you are no longer the correct responsible person for the PWS please reply with the correct contact information. MassDEP needs one responsible contact person from each PWS.

Operators, consultants, and others who are interested in Drinking Water Program Updates are encouraged to request to be subscribed to this email list. You may also request to be unsubscribed by replying to this email.

This MassDEP Program Director technical assistance email is funded by the Safe Drinking Water Act Assessment (Section 70) Program. The Assessment is paid by all consumers of public water in Massachusetts and is collected by public water systems. For more information about the Assessment Program, go to [mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/news/advisory-committees/safe-drinking-water-act-assessment-advisory-committee.html](https://mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/news/advisory-committees/safe-drinking-water-act-assessment-advisory-committee.html).

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